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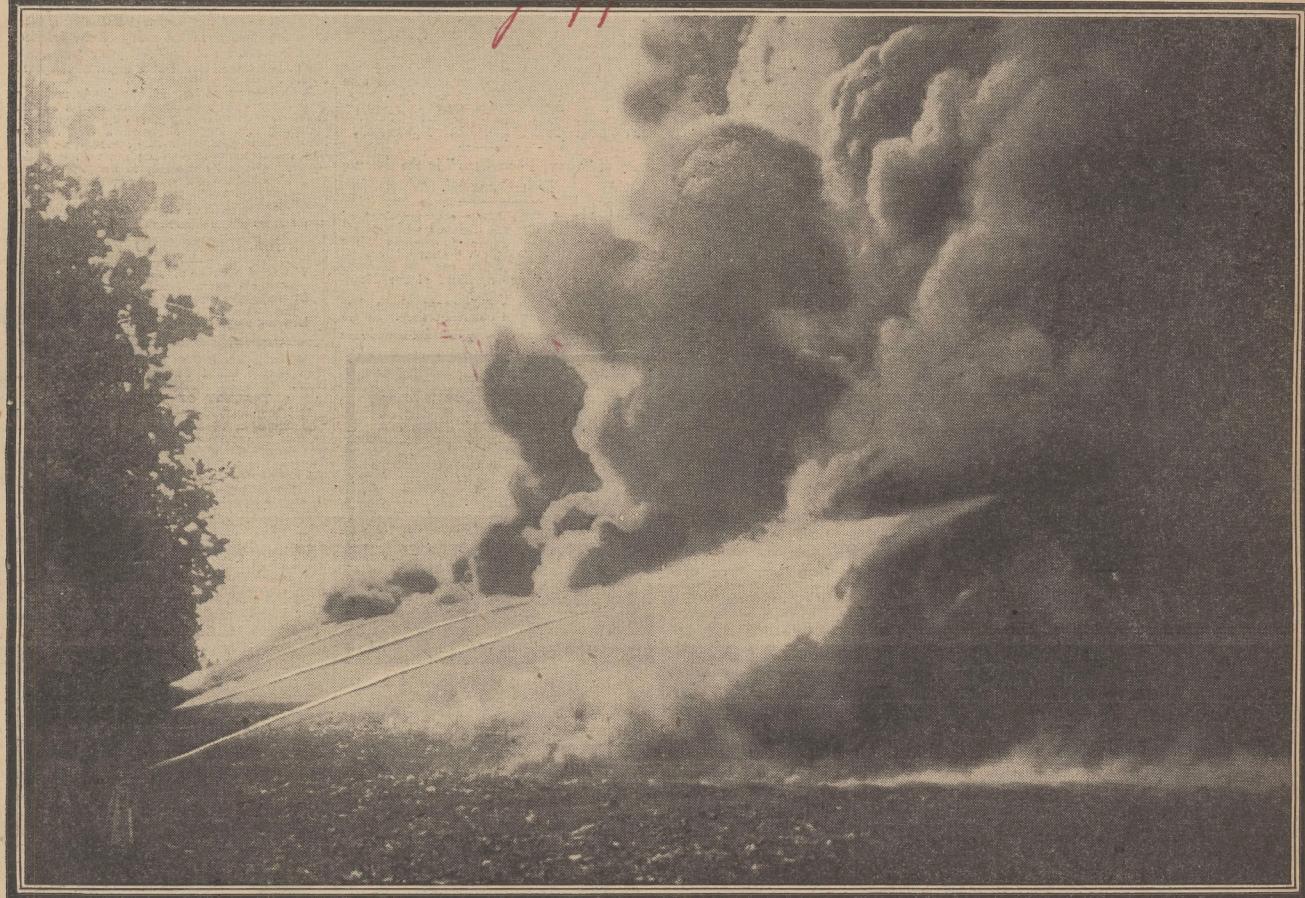
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WHEN THE BREEZE WAFTS CLOUDS OF DEATH: THE ITALIANS LAUNCH A GAS ATTACK ON THE ISONZO FRONT.

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With the greatest reluctance the Allies have been compelled to make use of poisonous gas, and this remarkable photograph shows the Italians pumping great clouds to

wards the Austrian lines in the Isonzo district. This was followed by a strong and successful infantry attack.

VISCOUNT WOUNDED.

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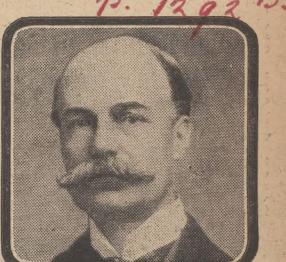


Lieutenant-Colonel Viscount Maitland, of the 1st Sportsman's Battalion, who has been wounded. He is the Earl of Lauderdale's heir and served in the Yeomanry in the South African war.



A war "museum" collected by the Italian soldiers. It is formed by a pile of Austrian shells which burst near their lines.

HERO OF CHITRAL.



Sir George Scott Robertson, M.P., who has died. His name was a household word twenty-one years ago, when he was the principal figure in the siege of Chitral.—(Elliott and Fry.)

1,029,231 SINGLE MEN WHO FAILED TO OFFER SERVICES TO COUNTRY

651,160 of the Bachelors Who Held Back When the Call Came Are Unstarred Men.

NEARLY MILLION RECRUITS UNEXAMINED.

Estimated Grand Total, After Deductions, of All Attested Men Available—831,062.

The long expected "Derby figures" were published yesterday. They refer to recruiting between October 23 and December 15 (inclusive).

They show that out of a possible 5,011,441 men of military age in the country 2,829,263 men enlisted, attested, or were rejected.

Of this total of nearly three millions—

840,000	Single men attested.
1,344,979	Married men attested.
428,853	Men rejected.
215,431	Men enlisted direct.

2,829,263 Grand total.

There remain, then, in the country 2,182,178 men available for military service who have not joined the colours.

Of these 1,029,231 are single men, 651,160 of whom are unstarred.

"This is far from being a negligible quantity," says Lord Derby, "and, under the circum-

THE WILLING MARRIED.

Total married men available	2,832,210
Of these the number answering the call was	1,679,263
Leaving unattested	1,152,947

stances, I am very distinctly of opinion that in order to redeem the pledge mentioned above (the Prime Minister's pledge to married men), it will not be possible to hold married men to their attestation unless and until the services of single men have been obtained by other means, the present system having failed to bring them to the colours."

The net result of the recruiting campaign is less than these figures would suggest.

From the totals deductions have to be made for single men men "badged," "reserved" (or irreconcilable), as well as for those who have not yet been medically examined and who will be rejected as unfit.

Lord Derby estimates that when all these deductions have been made the net number of attested men available for the Army will be—

343,386	Single.
487,76	Married.

831,062 Net total.

Lord Derby's historic report appeared in a White Paper entitled "Army Report on Recruiting." By the Earl of Derby, K.G., Director-General of Recruiting.

ELEVENTH-HOUR RUSH.

The first part of Lord Derby's report consists of the report made to Lord Kitchener on December 12, and is necessarily incomplete. Lord Derby refers to the phenomenal rush of recruits that came during the preceding week—the last of the attestation period.

"I am quite aware that criticisms will be levelled at the inadvisability of the arrangements of recruiting offices for dealing with the abnormal flow of recruits during the present week," writes the Director-General. "Such criticisms are most unjust. The impossibility of obtaining sufficient medical officers and experienced clerks has been the cause of the delay."

This delay would have been obviated if there had been, during the past six weeks when the scheme has been before the public, a steady flow of recruits instead of the abnormal rush at the eleventh hour."

Lord Derby speaks, too, of the difficulties and confusion of the vague and unsettled methods of starring. "Instead of starring being of assistance, it has been a distinct hindrance to the canvas," he says.

"There exists, I think, this in so rural and semi-rural areas." Farmers, he admits, did not star men, though many of their sons and employees were, as "cowmen," "horsemen," etc., "though in many instances it is known that they are not really so engaged," adds the report.

Lord Derby continues: "It is essential that the starred list should be carefully investigated, and in cases of misdescription the star removed and the man made available for military service. This applies to the starred men in all industries."

THE "HARD CASE" MEN.

The "hard case" men are referred to in this paragraph: "Many men also who would willingly serve find themselves barred from doing so by domestic, financial and business obligations."

This especially applies to professional and commercial men, who find difficulties in meeting such obligations as payment of rent, insurance premium, interest on loans connected with their business and provision for their family due

THE SECOND CALL.

Four More Groups of Single Men Summoned to the Colours.

FEBRUARY 8: THE NEW DATE.

More Derby groups are being called up. A proclamation was issued yesterday calling up the following groups of single men:

Group 6	Men of 23
Group 7	Men of 23
Group 8	Men of 23
Group 9	Men of 23

The previous groups which were called up were Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5—single men from nineteen to twenty-two inclusive.

The calling up of the new groups begins on February 8, and the proclamation was received yesterday by the Hull recruiting authorities.

In recruiting offices in London a notice was posted up stating that the proclamation in question had been issued in Hull.

An inquiry at the War Office it was stated that if the proclamation was issued it would also apply to the rest of the United Kingdom.

MORE NEUTRAL YARNS.

Story of "Grave Dissensions" in the German High Command.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Rome correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* learns from a well-informed neutral source that grave dissensions have arisen in the German High Command, especially between Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General Falkenhayn, Chief of the Headquarters' General Staff.

As a result of these differences there has been lately a series of counter-orders. Entire

BOYS AS "MENTAL COMEDIANS."

Sir William Osler and "Garden of Eden" Life.

PRICE OF KNOWLEDGE.

How boys should find the first fifteen years of their life like dwelling in a wonderful Garden of Eden was explained yesterday by Sir William Osler in his presidential address to the annual meeting of the Association of Public School Science Masters, which was held at the London Day Training College.

Sir William Osler spoke of "the fateful years, fifteen to seventeen," and urged that by a more intensive method in the study of the sciences boys destined for the medical profession might leave the masters' hands fit to begin their special studies.

For fifteen years, he said, the slowly evolving, sprightly race of boys should dwell in a Garden of Eden, such as that depicted by the poet.

During this decisive period a boy was an irresponsible, yet responsible creature, a mental and moral comedian taking the colour of his environment—very difficult to understand and very often not understood by parent or teacher.

The way to reach the boy was through his heart; he could not be got at through his head.

BACHELORS WHO FAILED.

The total number of single men available was	2,179,231
Of these the number answering the call was	1,150,000
Leaving lagging behind	1,029,231

It was only when they grew older and callous that people could be reached through their head.

TRAGEDY' OF THE GARDEN.

At fifteen a change came over the boy—physical, mental and moral. The consciousness that he was a man, with a man's duty to perform, was forced upon him, and the tragedy of the Garden was the price that each one paid for the knowledge of good and evil.

The position of the teaching profession as regards military service was discussed yesterday at the annual meeting of the Incorporated Association of Headmasters at the Guildhall.

The president said that he believed most schoolmasters had attested, and were as prepared as any other class to serve their country, and would repudiate any suggestion that they should be treated in any special way.

It was clear, however, that they must apply for the postponement of the service of some of the men.

HAY FOR THE ARMY.

A judgment of great interest to agriculturists has just been delivered by his Honour Judge Scully in the case of Chilton v. The Army Council, which had reference to the value of certain hay impressed under the Army Act in Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

The Judge's award of £3,665 is a less amount than the military authorities had offered, and the applicant had refused.

The application, therefore, having failed, the Judge ordered the applicant to pay £50 towards the cost of the Army Council.

NO POLICE THERE.

An elderly man complained to Mr. de Grey yesterday in the West London Court that the War Office were detaining his letters and testimonies.

Mr. de Grey: Go to the War Office. I cannot deal with them.

Applicant: I have been.

Mr. de Grey: Well, you must go again. I cannot send a policeman.

HORSE AND CART WASHED AWAY.

After an exciting voyage down the flooded Thames a lad in charge of a horse and cart reached port near Weybridge.

Early this morning the sight in the middle of the flooded river trying to steer the half-drowned horse back to land.

The horse had walked into the river and, with the cart, had been whirled away by the current Lower down the river the strange craft was lassoed and pulled to the bank. The horse was then found to have been suffocated.

UPROAR IN TURKS' PARLIAMENT.

ATHENS, Jan. 3.—It is reported from Constantinople that there was a scene in the Turkish Parliament between Enver Pasha and Talat Bey during the debate on the price of foodstuffs.

Both Ministers used most violent language, and their respective partisans intervened, with the result that uproar ensued. —Reuter.

Read "How the Man Over Military Age Can Serve His Country and Live," by Charles P. Sisley, on page 7.



Serbian soldiers who were made prisoners at Nish. Note the curious cloaks in which they are attired.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S RESIGNATION OF SEAT IN CABINET IS ACCEPTED

**Heated Scene in Commons
Over Seizure of a Paper.**

LABOUR M.P.S. ANGRY

**Mr. Lloyd George Says Result of
War Depends on Workers.**

OUR GUNS STOP ATTACK.

PARLIAMENT'S BIG WEEK.

The most eventful Parliamentary week since war began opened yesterday with flashes of temper and strong Labour comment on Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Clyde workshops.

The Munitions Act (Amendment) Bill was read a third time, Mr. Lloyd George making an appeal to workers, upon whom it depends, he said, whether the war ends this year or not. The Bill gives power:

To take control over workshops.
To organise our industrial system.
To limit profits and to declare a minimum wage in over 2,200 controlled shops with 1,250,000 workers.

Mr. Asquith announced the resignation of Sir John Simon, who is opposed on principle to compulsion.

Irish Unionists, after a meeting at the House of Commons last night, sent a protest to the Premier against the Government's reported decision to leave Ireland out of the Compulsion Bill.

GERMAN ATTACK STOPPED.

Good work is being done by British and French artillery in France. Two howitzer batteries were silenced by the British yesterday in the Armentières region and an attack stopped north of Albert.

German troops in the suburbs of Roye were heavily shelled by the French, and north-west of Aulnay trenches were wrecked and a depot blown up.

RUSSIA'S NEW OFFENSIVE.

So strong is the Russian advance on the Bessarabian front that Czernowitz is reported to have been evacuated.

The Germans report bitter fighting, but declare that Russian attempts to break through their lines failed. Twice already the Tsar's troops have held Czernowitz during the war.

**SIGNS OF COMING STORM
IN COMMONS.**

**Great Demonstration When Compulsion
Bill is Mentioned.**

Portents of the coming storm over the passing of the Compulsory Military Service Bill were seen in the House of Commons yesterday.

Towards the end of questions Mr. Arthur Sherriff, the Liberal member for Huddersfield, stood up in the midst of the crowded benches and in tense silence pleaded for more than one day for to-day's first reading debate.

"I do not think anybody knows in the least what the Bill is going to be," said Mr. Asquith, whose smile seemed to suggest that there was a surprise in store for the political prophets.

Up sprang other Liberal cross-examiners.

Mr. Percy Aldin was called.

In view of the resignation of the Home Secretary is not the Prime Minister aware," he asked, "that a large number of members will want to take part in the discussion?"

"And is the Prime Minister not aware that a still larger number wish to get on with the Bill?" cut in Mr. Booth.

A crash of cheering followed. Not for a long time has such a demonstration been heard at Westminster.

**WHY MR. LLOYD GEORGE
WENT TO GLASGOW.**

The suppression of the Scottish Socialist paper *Forward* provoked an angry scene in the House of Commons last night.

Why had it been suppressed? demanded a group of Radicals. Had it been suppressed because it published a report of the recent meeting held by the Minister of Munitions saying that he had a hostile reception from organised labour?

It was the Lord Advocate who had been appealed to. Mr. Tennant rose to reply.

Suave and cool, the Under-Secretary for War said he had not yet received the official report of the seizure.

"I understand that action was taken by the competent military authority in Scotland under Regulation 51 of the Defence of the Realm Act at the instance of the Minister of Munitions."

Socialists gasped with surprise.

"What about free speech?" sneered Mr. Pringle after recovering from his astonishment.

"A TRUTHFUL ACCOUNT."

Up popped Mr. Anderson, the broad-shouldered Socialist. "Has it become an offence and a crime to give a truthful account of the work of the labour movement?" a truthful account of the reception accorded by organised labour to the Minister of Munitions? Is this the first-fruits of conscription?" (Tremendous cheers from the "Antis.")

"No, sir," said Mr. Tennant with exquisite courtesy. "I trust my friend will draw no such conclusions."

"The order under which this newspaper was proscribed again was submitted to the legal authorities in Scotland and I have their assurance that it was perfectly legal and in order."

"Yes," retorted Mr. Pringle, "and the Minister of Munitions went to Scotland as the champion of free speech and appealed to the working men on that ground to hear him, using the name of Mr. Ramsay Macdonald for the purpose."

Mr. Tennant was sure that this newspaper published something which was distinctly against the Defence of the Realm and dangerous."

"Ha! ha! ha!" laughed Radicals ironically.

**'INCITED THE MEN TO STOP
MUNITIONS WORK.'**

Mr. Tennant suavely persisted. "I am assured that such an article would be dangerous if it were an article asking the makers of munitions not to produce them in the numbers required," he pleaded.

At the moment Mr. J. H. Thomas rose to pursue the inquiry Mr. Lloyd George hurried into the House.

"May I ask the right hon. gentleman," he asked grimly, "whether the War Office has taken into consideration the effect likely to be produced on the workers by suppressing a labour paper and not those which are doing the most mischief?"

Mr. Tennant said he was unaware until Mr. Thomas spoke that this was a Labour paper.

"It is not!" shouted somebody.

"I understand the newspaper incited workers on the Clyde to abstain from the making of munitions," said Mr. Tennant. "Conflicting cries of 'No!' and 'Yes!' rose from the benches.

APPEAL TO MR. LLOYD GEORGE

Mr. Percy Aldin appealed to Mr. Lloyd George to see that the action of the Government was stopped.

Speaking in low tones, the Munitions Minister said he had received no notice of the question of the paper he had supplied himself with a copy of.

"It could have shown the House that the paper had been inciting workers not to carry out the national policy," he added.

"I should like to ask the Minister of Munitions whether the time to have suppressed this paper was when these articles appeared, and not when it reported what actually happened," asked Mr. Thomas.

"I think very likely the hon. member is right," said Mr. George calmly. "It ought to have been suppressed before." General cheers.

"TIME YOU RESIGNED."

"Could the Prime Minister arrange a discussion on the adjournment of the House?" pursued Mr. Pringle.

Mr. Asquith turned half-round. "I knew nothing about the matter until I came into the House," came the Premier's quiet announcement.

"Time you resigned!" snapped a Labour member angrily.

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**SIR JOHN SIMON LEAVES
THE CABINET.**

**Mr. Asquith Announces Resignation
of the Youngest Member.**

Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons yesterday that Sir John Simon had resigned his position as Home Secretary.

Sir John Simon, who was the youngest member of the Cabinet, was born in 1873. His father was a Congregationalist minister.

Sir John was educated at Edinburgh and afterwards at Oxford, where he had a distinguished academic career. In 1896 he was a student of the Union—the University debating society.

Three years later he was called to the Bar, taking silk in 1908. He was appointed Solicitor-General in 1910, Attorney-General in 1913, and Home Secretary in 1915.

Since 1906 Sir John has represented Walthamstow in the House of Commons. He enjoys the reputation of being one of the best linguists in the Cabinet.

**SWIFT FRENCH REPLY TO
FOE'S REPRISALS.**

**Bulgarian Agent Arrested in Paris—
Greek Demands.**

PARIS, Jan. 4.—As a reply to the arbitrary action taken by the Bulgarian Government, contrary to international law, in respect of the French Vice-Consul charged with the duty of looking after the interests of French legation at Sofia, the French Government this morning caused the arrest of the Chancellor of the Bulgarian Legation in Paris entrusted with a similar duty here.—Central News.

BRITISH VICE-CONSUL ARRESTED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.—The special correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt* from Sofia telegraphs to-day of the arrest of the four enemy Consuls at Salonika, the Bulgarian Government arrested the French Vice-Consul as representative of French interests, remained at Sofia.

The British Vice-Consul, on hearing of the arrest, took refuge in the room of the United States Charge d'Affaires in the Hotel Bulgaria.—Central News.

A telegram announces that the British Vice-Consul, who was in charge of the archives of the British Legation at Sofia, has also been arrested by the Bulgarian Government.—Central News.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.—A telegram from Sofia says:

The Greek Minister, M. Naoum, has informed Mr. Rousouhoff, the Premier, that the Greek Government has energetically protested against the arrest of the Bulgarian Consul at Salonika, declaring that Greece will not suffer any further violation of her neutrality or sovereignty.

ALLIED AIR RAIDS.

SOULONI, Jan. 4.—French airmen in the last few days have made frequent flights over the enemy lines and have dropped bombs on Petrich, Strumitsa, and other towns and villages where movements of troops were observed.

On the other hand, it is believed that their bombs caused considerable casualties, especially at Petrich, where they were seen to explode in the middle of the town, causing buildings to collapse and fires to break out.—Reuter.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Salonika communiqué of the *Le Temps* in a telegram dated to-day says:

Today a considerable concentration of Bulgarian troops was observed, which suggested that the enemy were preparing to take the offensive against our positions.—Reuter.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL)

PARIS, Jan. 4.—To-night's official statement says:

Army of the East.—Bulgarian detachments pillaged several villages on the Greek frontier. There is nothing to report on our front.—Reuter.

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A German sausage machine in Galicia. The army butcher is cutting up the meat in preparation for Christmas.

**RUSSIANS NEARING A
BIG SUCCESS.**

**Report That Enemy Have
Abandoned Czernowitz.**

DEPRIVED OF A RAILWAY.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.—The enemy is reported to have evacuated Czernowitz, which becomes untenable once the heights commanding it are lost.

Up to now the town has changed hands four times during the war.

Dispatches describe the great strength of the enemy defences in the noble Zalestchiky-Czernowitz region, and dwell upon the bravery displayed by the Hungarian troops.

Prisoners taken in this district include many Germans.

The Russian successes deprive the enemy of the use of the Czernowitz-Zalestchiky railway and also seriously menace the Czernowitz-Kolomea line.—Reuter.

(AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL)

German Main Headquarters reports as follows:

Vienna Official.—On the Bessarabian front bitter fighting continued yesterday throughout the day.

The enemy made every effort in order to break through our lines in the Tropitzsch sector. All his attempts to break through failed before the brave resistance of our heroic troops.

The number of the captured prisoners amounts to three officers and 850 men.

At the mouth of the Sereth, the Lower Strya, the Kormyn Brook and the Styra separate Russian advances were repulsed.—Wireless Press.

TSAR'S FIRM WORDS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.—During a review of the army on the 2nd inst. the Tsar, addressing the Knights of the Order of St. George, said:

"As I said at the beginning of the war, I will not conclude peace until we have chased the last enemy from our territory."

"Nor will I conclude such a peace except in full agreement with our Allies, to whom we are bound, not by paper treaties, but by true friendship and blood."—Reuter.

HEAVY AUSTRIAN LOSSES.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 4.—In Galicia the Austrian forces who are doing their utmost to hold their own against the strong Russian attacks, are suffering considerable losses.

Several regiments lost about one-fourth of their men.—Central News.

**FOE TRENCHES WRECKED
BY FRENCH GUNS.**

(FRENCH OFFICIAL)

PARIS, Jan. 4.—This evening's official communiqué says:

In Artois our artillery inflicted appreciable losses on groups of enemy soldiers working in the sector of Thelus north of Arras.

Our batteries violently bombarded German troops which were seen in the suburbs of Roye.

In the Vosges effective firing was carried out against the enemy's works in the region of Balschwiller.

North-west of Altkirch the enemy's trenches were wrecked and an ammunition depot was blown up.—Reuter.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—This afternoon's communiqué says:

No important events to report in the course of the night.

In the evening of yesterday our artillery demolished on the border of Andechy Wood (the region of Roye) a house where machine guns were sheltered.—Exchange.

(GERMAN OFFICIAL)

German Main Headquarters reported yesterday afternoon as follows:

In all theatres of the war there have been no events of importance.—Wireless Press.

GERMAN GUNS SILENCED.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

The following telegraphic dispatch was received last night from General Headquarters in France as follows:

Jan. 4 (9.15 p.m.)—In the course of intermittent artillery activity to-day we silenced two German powder batteries in the Armentières region, and further north-east of Ypres dispersed German working parties.

North of Albert the enemy opened heavy rifle fire from his trenches after several hours' preliminary artillery bombardment.

Our fire prevented any hostile attack from developing.

VICTORY IN HANDS OF MUNITIONERS.

Mr. Ll. George Says Workers Now Hold the Scales.

'LET US FOLLOW FRANCE!'

(Continued from page 3.)

"Will the Under-Secretary for War consider the desirability of dealing with *The Times* and *The Daily Mail*?" asked Mr. Dillon.

"Obviously that is not a question that can be answered in the spur of the moment," said the Speaker. "The answer is—"

There was also a lively interlude at question time, when Mr. Hogge asked Mr. Lloyd George to state the results of his recent conferences at Glasgow and Newcastle and what further alterations he suggested in the Amending Bill to the Munitions Act as a result.

Dr. Addison said that it was too soon to say what practical result had been achieved.

Mr. H. Thomas: "Why is it necessary to suppress the report?" (Cheers.)

Mr. Outhwaite: Is it not true to say that the Minister of Munitions had a hostile reception at Glasgow and suppressed the reports?

Dr. Addison: The reason he went was because there was considerable misconception in the area and hostility arising out of it. He went to try and settle it.

Mr. Snowden quickly asked, "Did he succeed?" and Dr. Addison replied, "I hope so."

Mr. Hogge: Has he made any progress yet in securing any of the additional 80,000 men required?

Dr. Addison: Yes, considerable progress has been made.

A dramatic appeal to munition workers was made by Mr. Lloyd George in the House of Commons last night.

In an impassioned peroration to a speech on the Munitions Act (Amendment) Bill, a peroration emphasised with resounding blows on the brass-bound box, he said:—

"I hope the House of Commons will not make the task of turning out munitions—which is much more serious than I dare tell them—more difficult.

STICKING TO WORKSHOPS.

Everything depends upon it. The length of the war depends upon it.

Everything depends upon whether we shall be able to turn out a sufficient quantity of munitions of war to bring this campaign to an end this year.

It does not depend upon the soldiers. They have done their part heroically.

It does not depend upon the Government. It depends entirely upon the workmen with full knowledge of the papers which I have examined to-day, upon the workmen of this country doing what the workmen in France are doing.

They are frankly setting aside conditions, throwing themselves into the work, and sticking to their workshops.

Unless our workmen do that I cannot tell what the war will be.

For what I can tell is this—if they do it, they, and they alone, will have achieved a victory for this Empire and the destinies of the human race which will have reflected indelible credit on the Labour movement."

A great demonstration of cheering followed.

Heated interchanges between the Munitions Minister and Mr. Pringle, the Liberal member for North-West Lancashire, preceded Mr. George's speech.

"ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE."

Mr. Pringle, calling for the repeal of a section of the statute which established a system of "leaving" certificates for men engaged in munition works, hotly declared that the clause had created great irritation among the workers.

"The conditions on the Clyde," said Mr. Pringle, "had been systematically concealed from the people of this country by the Government and the Minister of Munitions."

When the Minister of Munitions went to Fairfield Works on the Clyde so strong was the feeling there that the men would not meet him."

Mr. George's eyes flashed angrily. "That is absolutely untrue," he snapped. "I never went near Fairfield, and I must ask the hon. member to withdraw it."

"I will certainly withdraw the assertion," said Mr. Pringle, "but he broke out in another place."

"The chairmen of the meeting at Parkhead introduced the right honourable gentleman by saying that every Act with which his name was associated had the taint of slavery."

Up jumped Mr. Lloyd George again. "Absolutely untrue!" he protested, and snarling under the suggestion lashed out at Mr. Pringle. "It only shows," he said, "the danger of repeating little-tittle from a meeting which was private and confidential."

"IS THIS A LIE?"

"Well, is this a lie?" said Mr. Pringle, accepting the Minister's contradiction.

It was, he explained, stated in *The Daily Mail* that as a result of his visit to the Clyde Mr. Lloyd George had come back more strongly convinced of his error of composition, and had sent an ultimatum to the Prime Minister regarding military service.

"Is that a mischievous and malignant lie?" he demanded grimly.

Mr. Pringle paused for a reply. "There is no answer to that, but if what is appearing in some of the papers in regard to the uses which are to be made of conscription is true, any concessions granted in this Bill are as worthless as the paper they are printed on."

FIGHTING PARSONS.

Clergymen Might Exert Better Influence If In the Ranks.

WHAT A VICAR THINKS.

Should the clergy enlist?

The question is now agitating the minds of many of the unbefriended clergymen in the Church of England, and on Monday the Bishop of London received a deputation on the subject.

The Rev. Everard Digby, vicar of St. Agatha's, Finsbury, and at present acting as a regimental chaplain, yesterday discussed the question with *The Daily Mirror*.

"So far as I am concerned," he confessed, "if I had been of military age, I should have joined the ranks as a combatant."

"I believe practically all the clergy feel the same on the question. There is the tug always pulling at them. But they feel, too, that their duty compels them to stay at home."

"I think myself that if they are really keen about joining, they should be allowed to."

"From my experience as a chaplain in France I am inclined to think that a man might do more good, and might exercise a better influence, serving in the ranks than by acting as a chaplain."

"But the other side of the question ought not to be forgotten. At the present moment the churches are understaffed; and, after all, a parson is a man of some use, isn't he?"

"I do not believe that the Bishops would place any obstacles in the way of a man who wanted to join."

"In some districts the situation has been made easy by two parishes combining, so that the clergy from one of them could be released."

"This has actually happened at St. Agatha's. I have been away from my parish for the last three months."



Frenchman reports to the Germans in accordance with the proclamation issued in the occupied towns. The inhabitants will have to give a detailed report of their movements during the previous twenty-four hours.

THREE OFFICERS DISMISSED.

Last night's *London Gazette* contained the following:—

Royal Field Artillery.—Major Basil H. L. Hay is cashiered by sentence of a general court-martial.

The Highland Light Infantry.—Temporary Second-Lieutenant Alexander B. McLennan is dismissed the service by sentence of a general court-martial.

The King's Liverpool Regiment.—Temporary Second-Lieutenant Frederick W. Higgins is cashiered by sentence of a general court-martial.

CLOCK-WORK POST.

"The British postal system must be the most perfect business organisation in the world."

The managers of a large City establishment paid this generous tribute yesterday to the efficiency of our postal system.

"You could imagine," he said to *The Daily Mirror*, "that the war, with its thousand and one difficulties and complexities, would have affected the efficiency of the Post Office very considerably."

"But in my case, at any rate, it does not seem to have done so even a little bit."

"We receive here some 3,000 letters a day, and yet during the whole seventeen months of war not a single letter of ours has gone astray."

PRINCE OF WALES HOME ON LEAVE

The Prince of Wales arrived at Buckingham Palace yesterday evening on short leave of absence from the front, and will shortly go to join the family circle in Norfolk.

Prince Albert, Sir Sidney Greville, Sir Derek Keppel and other members of the Household received the Prince on arrival.

His Royal Highness, who looked very fit and well, was attended by his equerry, Lord Claude Hamilton.

GEELONG SUNK IN COLLISION.

The P. and O. Company announced yesterday that the liner Geelong was sunk in collision with the steamer Bonvillot and that all aboard the vessel were saved.

The Geelong registered 7,951 tons.

LAST SCENES ON THE PERSIA.

Mothers Who Went for Children and Never Returned.

GOOD-BYES IN INKY SEA.

"The end was a horrible scene. The water was as black as ink. Some of the people were saying good-bye to each other, while those in one of the boats were singing hymns."

So said Mr. Grant, an American survivor of the torpedoed liner Persia, in an interview sent yesterday by Reuter's Alexandria correspondent. Mr. Grant said he was at lunch in the Persia. He added:—

"The steward was asking me what I would take as a second class, when there was a terrible explosion and the balloon was filled with broken glass and with smoke and steam from the boiler, which seemed to have burst."

"There was no panic. We went on deck as if we were at boat drill."

"The last thing I did on board was to tie on Captain Spreckley's lifebelt."

"The vessel gradually listed more and more, and it was impossible to launch any of the starboard boats. Finally, I got into the water."

"I was sucked down and got caught in a rope, but, breaking loose, I got to the surface again and clambered on to some wreckage, to which I clung."

"The last I saw of the Persia was her bow pointing high in the air, and that was only five minutes after the explosion."

"It was past four o'clock before I was picked up."

RESCUED BY CRUISER.

"I then saw there were five boats pulling around in search of us others."

"At half past three the following morning my boat separated from the others to search for help in a more frequented channel."

"We rowed for three hours, and at last saw a cruiser. We called out: 'We are English,' and explained that we were survivors from the Persia, which had been sunk. We also gave particular as to our condition."

"They were found at seven o'clock."

"Mr. McNally (the American Consul at Aden) sat at the same table as myself, but I did not see him, probably because his cabin was on the opposite side to mine."

The instant and successful lowering of four boats is a brilliant feat, adds Reuter's correspondent, reflecting supreme credit on whoever was responsible.

One young lady told me: "I was just sitting down to table when the explosion occurred."

"I was twice thrown down in the passage by the rocking of the liner."

DASHED FOR HER LIFELET.

"But I got to my cabin, snatched a lifebelt and rushed for the deck."

"I ascended the companion, determined that if I was to die I shouldn't die in the vessel. As I reached the deck the liner lurched heavily and I was again thrown down."

"Badly shaken and bruised, I managed quickly to put on my lifebelt. Then I jumped into the sea."

"I was rescued after fifteen minutes."

Mother went off in quest of their children, never to return.

In fact, only two children were saved.

Chief Officer Clark was sitting quietly in his cabin on the bridge deck. He felt the ship quiver, rushed out, and did all he possibly could.

He went down with the ship, but was picked up by a boat.

He did not see the captain (Captain W. H. S. Hall). Some of the passengers say they saw the captain swimming, but the chief officer thinks he must have gone down with the ship.

WAKE OF TORPEDO SEEN.

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The torpedo struck the ship abaft No. 3 hatch, opposite the boiler-room, and Eves, the second engineer, is of opinion that the forward boiler blew up, this accelerating the sinking of the ship.

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Lord Stradbroke.

Son to Fighting Earl.

Congratulations go to-day to the Countess of Stradbroke, who has given birth to a son—her fifth. Lord Stradbroke, colonel of the 3rd Howitzer Brigade of the East Anglian Division, R.F.A., is now fighting in France. The Countess comes of military stock, for her father was the late General Keith Fraser, a well-known soldier, and her brother, Sir Alexander Fraser, is a captain in the 7th Hussars.

Resigned.

While the Cabinet was sitting yesterday I saw Sir John Simon taking a quiet stroll in Whitehall. He was smiling, and seemed very much at ease with himself and the world.

Serious.

I thought the majority of the Ministers looked very serious as they left the meeting—Mr. Lloyd George in particular. Lord Lansdowne looked irritable, but, then, he had to shout and wave his umbrella to try and get the elusive taxicab.

A Taxicab Tale.

Although some of us have been saying some hard things about some of the taxicab drivers, I have found most of them the best fellows in the world. One told me a good story last night about London's darkness. Incidentally it also makes me feel more comfortable on the air raid question.

The Chancellor and the Sky.

"It's all wrong, this 'ere darkness," he said, "and I told Mr. Lloyd George so the other night. I was driving him to Whitehall and it was a moonlight evening—beautiful. When I stopped I said: 'Excuse me, sir, but what's the good of pushing on in all this darkness? If there was a German up there' would be a-laughin' at us in the moonlight.' 'Yes, but if anybody was up there,' replied Mr. George, pointing with his umbrella into the sky, 'he would not be a German to-night. He'd be as British as either of us!'"

What They Want.

I hear that Mrs. George Keppel has just received a very serious letter from the American Embassy in Berlin asking her to send condensed milk to our prisoners in Germany. The shortage of milk is terrible.

Armlet Snatching.

Lots of people are losing their armlets. One hears complaints from hotels, theatres and music-halls. Is there an "armlet snatcher" about?

Still Smiling.

I confess that the most interesting figure to me in the House of Commons yesterday was the Prime Minister. Those who had expected to find him revealing outward signs of the cares and anxieties of the past week must have been pleasantly surprised. He looked as fit as ever, rapped out his answers to questions in his brisk, business-like fashion, and although his cheeks were a little flushed towards the end of the question hour he was in sufficiently good spirits to enjoy the droll interrogations of Mr. "Joe" King.

A Coincidence.

In the height of the storm over the suppression of the Socialist paper at Glasgow two of the most-talked-of men in the country simultaneously arrived in the House. One was Lord Derby, the "K. of K. of the North"; the other Mr. Lloyd George, the Munitions Minister. Mr. George was just in time to fire a few effective shots at the "snipers" below the gangway on his own side of the House. I thought he looked a little tired and care-worn.

A Famous Figure.

There were few nobles in the Peers' Gallery when Lord Derby strolled in. One of the most famous was Lord Reading, whose interest in the proceedings of the Commons is even greater than ever. Both Lord Derby and Lord Reading exchanged greetings.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

Welcome Home.

A good many men whom I have not seen in the House for a long time put in an appearance yesterday. One of the most interesting of these was Mr. Ian Malcolm, one of the handsomest and best-dressed men at St. Stephen's. Mr. Malcolm has been to Russia. One of the first to greet him was Mr. Amery, who was in khaki.

Plenty of Pudding.

I have just heard from a Canadian officer who, talking about his Christmas dinner, said: "With careful carving we made the 140 Christmas puddings sent us serve the mess. This particular mess is composed of six officers. Each got some twenty-three puddings!" Who says we do not look after our fighting men? I am wondering whether there are any in hospital as the result of too much puddings.

A Novello Concert.

On the 21st of this month Miss Marie Novello is giving a concert for the prisoners of war. Any number of brilliant people have

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Miss Marie Novello.

offered their services to the talented young artist on this occasion. Mr. Ben Davies is one of those who have consented to sing.

Tearia and the Babies.

From private sources I learn that the Tsarina is much concerned about the loss of infant life in Russia owing to the upheaval caused by the war, particularly in Russian Poland. The Mother of the Russians is a very practical woman, and one of the first things she has done in finding a remedy is to place herself in communication with a group of prominent women in London.

British Women Setting Out.

There is, I gather, to be an immediate sequel, for a British maternity unit is now being formed in Westminster, and soon a party of experienced women doctors, trained nurses, and others will set out to help the Tsarina in her self-imposed task of baby salvation.

True Hospitality.

This is the Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna, the youngest sister of the Tsar, whose husband, Prince Oldenburg, has made the most generous gift of the war. Not only has he placed his various seaside seats in the Crimea at the disposal of wounded British officers, but also he has offered free railway tickets and medical attendance. This is true hospitality, but our Government has not been able to accept it.

Society Pleased.

Society and diplomatic circles are equally pleased to welcome M. C. Nabokoff, who has come to London to act as Councillor of the Russian Embassy.

He is a great social asset for the Entente. His first important post was at Brussels, where he was First Secretary. It was there he came to understand the German peril.



Olga Alexandrovna.

Lady Paget's Narrowest Escape.

I remember asking Lady Ralph Paget what she considered to be the most dangerous adventure she had ever had. She told me it was in Egypt, when Lord Kitchener was Sirdar. Lady Paget and some others had gone out riding when one of the horses bolted and Lady Paget gave chase. She failed to catch the runaway, and after a long run realised she was lost. She finally wandered into an Arab encampment.

Captured by Arabs.

They made her prisoner, and for a while matters looked ugly. Lady Paget, who speaks Arabic, told them she was an American and if I restored to her friends would pay any ransom. Greed prevailed, and five Arabs went with the captive, leading her horse. They did not go very far before they fell in with a detachment of the 7th Lancers, who had been sent out by Lord Kitchener, and it was the Sirdar himself who afterwards told Lady Ralph what peril she had been in.

Mr. Benson's Views.

I was talking to Mr. F. R. Benson in his dressing-room at the Court Theatre about the effect of the war upon the Empire. Said Mr. Benson: "I believe that after the war we shall have an Imperial Congress. I should like it to be held at Westminster every alternate year, and in other years at the various capitals of the Dominions." He praised the men who had come from the Overseas Dominions to fight for the Empire, and added: "The Greeks gave the world beauty, the Jews gave it religion, the Romans law, but we have given it freedom, and that is worth fighting for."

Carrying Her Parcels!

The girl postman, apparently, cannot entirely dispense with the services of the mere man. When she arrived in a certain suburban street yesterday morning she had already been preceded by a male postman, and a householder asked her if he represented an extra delivery. "He? Oh, he is carrying my parcels for me," she explained.



Baroness D'Erlanger.

Another Concert.

I hear that the Baroness D'Erlanger is lending her house for a special concert in aid of the Russian Relief Fund. She has been interested herself in many charitable activities since the war began.

The Opium Pest.

I continue to receive information about the prevalence of the opium pest in London. It seems now that those addicted to the vice have been taking rooms in fashionable hotels for the purpose of opium smoking.

Satanic Soirées.

All the crevices of the room used for smoking the drug are carefully plugged. An old Chinaman has been brought up from Limehouse to prepare the opium. A strong effort was made lately to get a very beautiful and well-known actress to attend one of these "opium soirées."

A Precisian.

The man whom I saw in a Strand restaurant yesterday was evidently the relic of a former age. "I will take, if you please," he said to the barmaid, "a glass of port wine." Somehow it sounded better to me than the conventional "Small port, please, miss."

The Late Lewis Waller.

Connoisseurs should look out for the forthcoming announcement of the sale of the late famous actor's effects—Lewis Waller had as pretty a taste in the home as he showed upon the boards.

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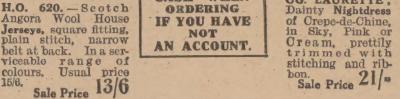
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"RESIGNATION-PANIC."

TALK about yesterday's Cabinet Council has been much occupied with speculation as to the probability of further Ministerial resignations, such resignations being represented as grievous blows to the State. A British characteristic has thus an opportunity of showing itself—our well-known faith in and loyalty to the public men whom we pay and trust to do necessary work for us, while we go on with our business, and avoid the trouble of thinking.

It is part of our great intellectual laziness that we are anything but revolutionary; we don't like upsetting acknowledged "favourites"; or, to use a stronger word, the famous fetishes we have made for ourselves. The great good men are being paid, aren't they? It follows that they must be doing their work.

Doing it well? Doing it badly?

Ah, now you're asking too much. Those are problems beyond the capacity of fetish-worshippers. The gods may indeed be a little shaky at their knees. But since they are the only gods we've got, what, pray, is the use of criticising them? Don't criticise. Don't talk to the men at the wheel. "If we lose them, whom else have we got? And so on—in self-professing prudence, common enough in conversations since the coalition Government was formed.

All this implies resignation-panic—that is, the fear that all is lost if So-and-so "goes," because he doesn't think we ought to have compulsion; or because he thinks we oughtn't to win the war; or because he is an obvious failure. The idea seems to be that, whatever the failures, whatever the mistakes, you ought, out of true British loyalty, to stick to those who have the threads in their hands. Our absurd old friend "don't swap horses while crossing streams"—one of the most fallacious of recorded metaphors—is trotted out on these occasions. Its alternative presumably is: "Drown with the horses who can't swim." For a long, long time this fetish worship lasts. In peace it need never die out. Only war, when reality is harsher, brings it sooner or later to an end.

Then it happens that at last, even the British people, never trusted by our Ministers, begin—how slowly!—to see that it cannot trust the Ministers either, indefinitely. Very gradually—always, at least six months late—it is prepared to renounce its incompetents. In time, even the British public sees that at least it doesn't mean ruin if So-and-so resigns.

More than that. Symptoms are discernible here and there that the British public even sighs a discreet sigh of relief when So-and-so does resign!

Still more, other symptoms suggest that it may be possible—at least six months too late—for the British public to demand So-and-so's resignation!

This being the tendency—it may even be a progress—do not let us worry in these weeks about possible or accomplished resignations. *"Il n'y a pas d'homme nécessaire.* On the other hand, many men are superfluous. We shall see. Meanwhile, there are certain bold revolutionaries who maintain that any resignation is a relief, any change a change for the better. We dare not go so far, in the overthrow of fetishes, as that. But we do not share the resignation-panic, at present very common.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Ah," said a brave painter to me, "if a man has failed, you will find he has dreamed instead of working. There is no way to success in our art but to take off your coat, grind paint, and work like a digger on the railway, all day and every day."—Emerson.

THE MAN WHO IS OVER MILITARY AGE.

HOW CAN HE SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND LIVE?

BY CHARLES P. SISLEY.

THE Derby figures are before the world, and they summarise the military manhood of the country. All the more acutely, by contrast, do they make men beyond military age feel hopelessly out of the picture.

Many men over forty have been left high and dry as a consequence of the havoc that a year of war has wrought in their businesses or professions. Twelve months ago many possessed comfortable incomes, but capital has been encroached upon until now they can continue no longer in the old grooves.

The committees of benevolent funds, connected with the professions could tell, if their

lengthy waiting lists of candidates from the professional classes, but, in the majority of cases, that is offered is a clerkship carrying a weekly salary of, perhaps, £1 10s., or at the most £2.

Let us suppose that a man who has, during the past year of war conditions, learned to reduce his household and personal expenses to £5 or £6 a week—and few of the class I am considering, with responsibilities of rent, taxes and family can hope to economise further—and, despairing of obtaining anything better, accept such a post.

"SITUATIONS VACANT."

He commences his new career enveloped in debt from the very first hour. He is attempting to live on a pittance, cannot, at least, make less than £1 a week, and the like. And we shall, I hope, remember that.

Still, the seriousness of the war in the effects it imposes on the generations that come afterwards is shown in this—it reduces for a long, long time the standard of living amongst all who cannot afford such reduction.

War may thus economically have a good effect upon those who have too much, since it brings them down to the proper level of simplicity. Unfortunately these cases are in the minority. The majority war reduces to a level lower than that demanded for subsistence by civilised man.

However, let us console ourselves by reflecting that they will discover this in Germany as well as on our side.

J. W. W.

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"SAME FOR ALL."

"British" has touched a vital question. A grave injustice is being done to the unmarried men, many of whom have real able-bodied wives. The cost of maintenance, and indeed much more, should be gladly borne by those not called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. Many thousands of "G.R." men now masquerading as soldiers could be organised for munition work, thus releasing fit men for the fighting.

There is work for all, and compulsion, if necessary, should be applied all round.

Let the Government see it before the men, or else our unity will be shaken when we want it most.

DUTY.

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 4.—A bed near a south wall can be made very attractive if planted with a selection of choice shrubs. Some of these may be subjects that are benefited by enjoying a somewhat sheltered position during the winter months.

The Californian garcia elliptica has deep green leaves and bears long pendulous catkins at this season.

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E. F. T.

RATES AND TAXES.

VIEWS OF THE HOUSEHOLDER ON PAYMENT FOR THE WAR.

THE COMING TIMES.

"W. M." seems to imply that, when we all agree to pay the gigantic taxes necessitated by this war, we shall necessarily pay them out of our superfluity.

But that is an optimistic view. For most people these taxes will mean a retrenchment in things hitherto considered essential—for instance, the education of children. We of the middle classes will not renounce motor-cars, but we shall give up long holidays and the like. And we shall, I hope, remember that.

Still, the seriousness of the war in the effects it imposes

A MYSTERY OF HOUSE TAKING IN LONDON.

PRESENTMENT OF ONE WHO AT COLOSSAL EXPENSE, TERRIFIC INCONVENIENCE AND EXTREME NERVOUS WEAR AND TEAR, HAS JUST "MOVED IN" TO A "DESIRABLE RESIDENCE."



NEXT DAY



NO SOONER DO YOU GET INTO A NEW HOUSE WHICH NOBODY SEEMED TO WANT BEFORE YOU TOOK IT, THAN EVERYBODY SEEMS TO WANT IT; AND AGENTS BEGIN WORRYING YOU ALL DAY. WHY IS IT?—(By Mr. W. K. Haselden.)

lips were not sealed, of the numbers of clever and experienced men who are to-day at their wits' end to find occupation—men with learned degrees and many accomplishments—men whose names are often household words. They can find no market for their talent; they are anxious to be of service to the State, and, indefinitely, to pay their way, but the old channels are closed, and in the new ones they can make no headway.

People will say, unthinkingly, that there is scope for everyone in the great industries that are developing under the guiding hands of the Minister of Munitions and the War authorities. They hear of the huge factories that are being erected and installed, and of the vast organisations which go daily, and is utilising the services of thousands.

But, somehow, there seem to be few openings in all this work of preparation for a long military campaign for the man whose years bar him from active service in Army or Navy.

In all the Government departments there are

men and girls. Thousands upon thousands of hands are being sought for by the munition works, but he has neither the training nor the aptitude for such labour. Turn which way he pleases, the type of man whose number is increasing as the progress of the war drags on, is met with the same problem.

If it were possible you would find most of the stranded professional and business men in khaki. At the War Office they will tell you that their futile efforts to obtain commissions in the Army have often bordered on the pathetic.

There are those who say that it were a fair field with no honour and safety, and experience were the sole passport to Government employment. Such men who could undoubtedly be of assistance in so many ways, would be made use of. There are rumours that, except for mere clerking at starvation wages, the politicians keep all the positions available at the disposal of their friends and nominees.

Is this the actual truth, or only an exaggeration?

At the round earth's imagin'd corners, blow. Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise. From death, you numberless infinites.

Of souls, and all your scattered bodies go. All whom the flood did, and fire shall o'erthrew.

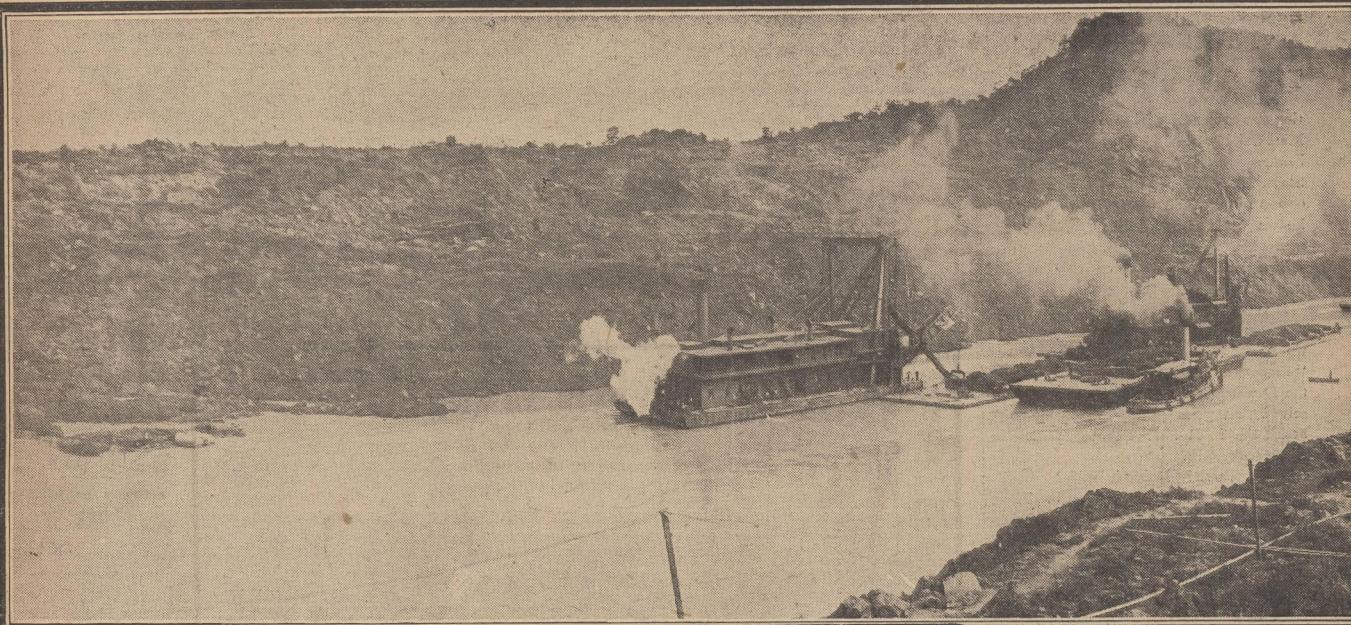
All whom war, dearth, age, auge, tyrannies, Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose

shall behold God, and never taste death's woe. But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space. For if above all these, my sins abound.

"Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace, When we are there; here on this lowly ground, Teach me how to repent; for that's as good. If as thou' hast seal'd my pardon with thy blood,

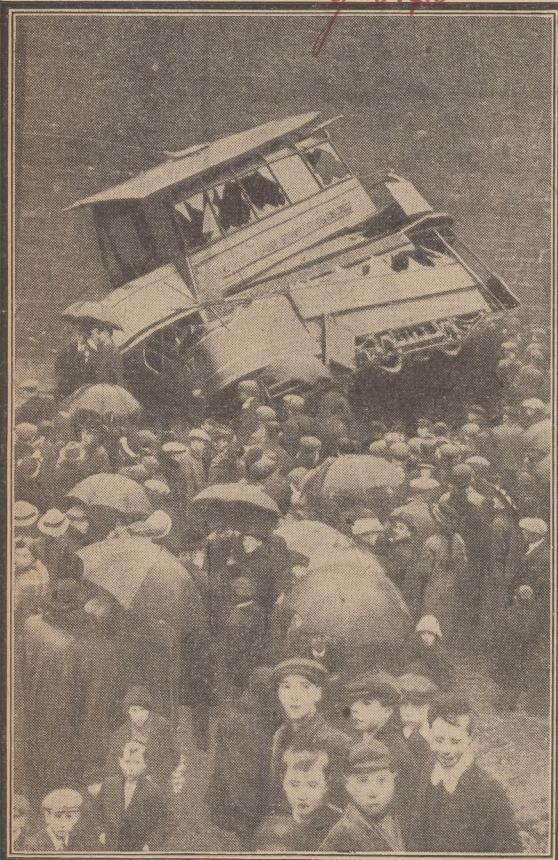
—JOHN DONNE.

THE ETERNAL WAR WITH THE EARTH: NATURE CONDUCTS

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A photograph of the latest landslide at the Culebra Cut on the Panama Canal. Dredging proceeded day and night for weeks on end, but

TWENTY INJURED IN TRAM SMASH.

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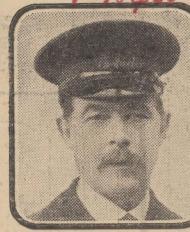
Tramway-car which left the rails while rounding a sharp curve at Glasgow. It crashed into a high wall, about twenty of the passengers were injured, several rather seriously.

PAPER SEIZED.

P. 18433.

T. Johnston, the editor of 'Forward'. The Glasgow police have seized the current issue on account, it is said, of the reports of Mr. Lloyd George's meetings.

BRAVE DEED.

P. 18433.

Inspector G. Branson, of Rugby, who has received a cheque from the directors of the North-Western Railway for saving a soldier from being run over.

THE "KNIGHTS"



The "well-bred" German rides his horse past women to

"CONSCRIPTED" BREAD.

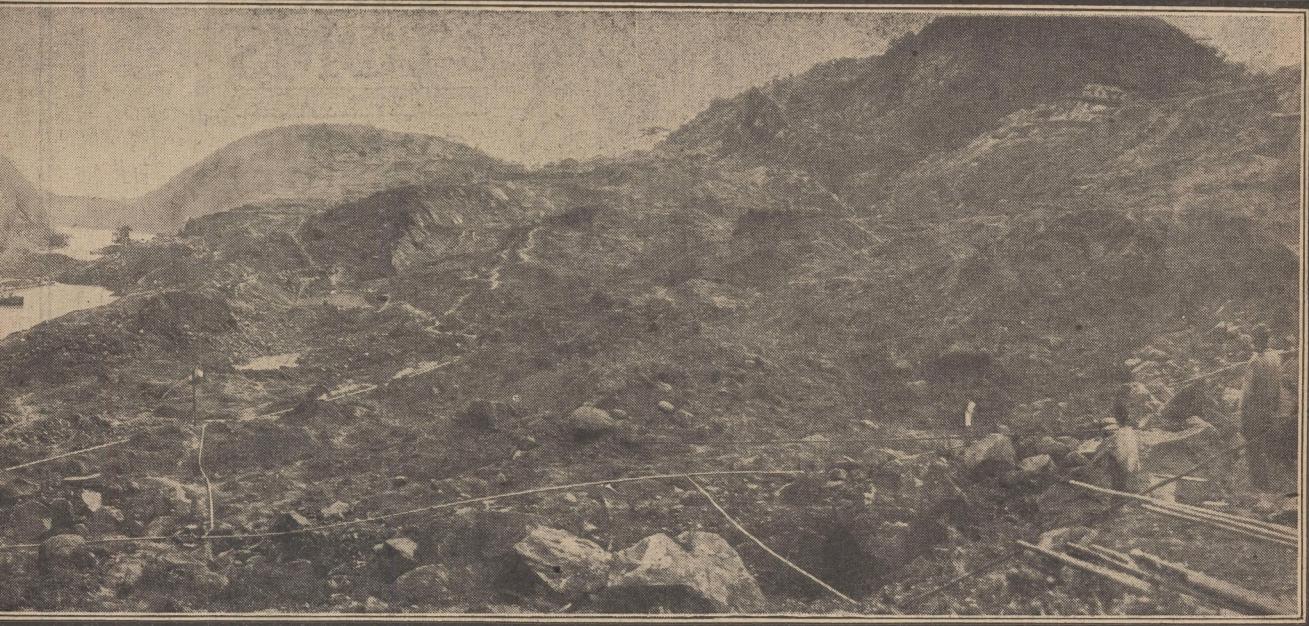
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Bread, like many single men, now waits to be "fetched," as a large number of bakers have no one to deliver it. People are already becoming quite accustomed to the new system.



The Bulgarians' entry into Nish. Like

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inuous sliding of the earth, little or no progress could be made with the work. It was a task that would have taxed the patience of Job.

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FIANCE DEAD.
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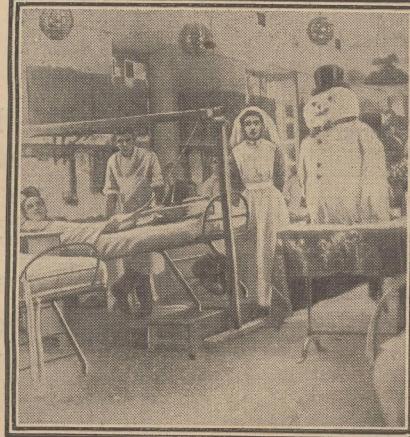
Miss Augusta Tredcroft, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Tredcroft, whose fiancée, Captain James Pitcairn Blane, has died of wounds.

NEW DANCES.
P. 100



Mlle. Genée, who is to appear at the Alhambra in a new series of dances. One of them has been arranged by Sir Frederick Cowen.— (Malcolm Arbuthnot.)

NURSE TAKEN PRISONER.
P. 18432



A ward at Floriana Hospital, Malta, in charge of Sister Forbes. She was taken prisoner by the Germans at Mons, and owes her release to Mr. Brand Whitlock, who tried to save Miss Cavell.

DISPATCH RIDERS "FORD A RIVER."

G. 321 L.



Two motor dispatch riders in one of the flooded districts of England. Several members of the corps have been mentioned in dispatches for their bravery at the front.

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BLOOD AND THUNDER

Wounded "Tommy" Choice in the Direction of Reading.

STUDENT OF MYSTICISM.

Some interesting information on what the soldiers read was given by Miss Beatrice Harraden, the novelist, at the annual meeting of the National Home Reading Union at the University of London, South Kensington, yesterday.

Miss Harraden is joint librarian at the Military Hospital, Endell-street, the only military hospital in this country which is entirely enclosed in the church decorations.

They made a point of giving the soldiers what they wanted to read, not what they thought they should read, said Miss Harraden.

When men wanted books they went round and took down their orders in a note-book.

Some persons did not know in the least what they wanted, and they would say, "Pick me up a good 'un."

That generally meant something exciting, with blood and thunder in it, and it must have a murder.

Or it might mean something extremely sentimental, such as one of Charles Gavice's books. They loved Charles Gavice.

Nat Gould was another of their biggest assets. Sometimes a man could be found immersed in some scientific work dealing with engineering, architecture, and so on.

The following are some of the orders contained in the note-books:

Nat Gould, "Regiments at the Front," Robert Burns's poems, cigarettes, matches, matches, matches, a book on bird life, "The Last Days of Pompeii," envelopes and writing-paper, a magazine, matches, matches. Nat Gould, Nat Gould, "The Wide World Magazine," a scientific book, the "Spectator," a clay pipe, magazines, matches,

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is "Daily Mirror Reflections in War-time," Volume IX, of Mr. Haselden's cartoons, which is on sale everywhere. It contains over 100 cartoons, including the "Miss Flapper" and "The Willies" series. Price 6d. net from booksellers and newsagents, or post free 8d., from the Publisher, Daily Mirror Office, Bouvierie-street, E.C.

Nat Gould, Marie Corelli, "something to make you laugh," Nat Gould, "an ordinary novel," Eugene Aram" and "The History of Mystery."

An interesting fact noted by Miss Harraden was that men asked for books the stories of which they had seen portrayed on cinematograph films. She thought that was a very attractive point. If good books were thus shown on the cinematograph the books themselves would be read afterwards and enjoyed.

One man had progressed from "The Union Jack" to Dumas, and she believed he would end with Shakespeare.

JAPANESE CREW MUTINY.

MARSELLES, Jan. 4.—Whilst the Japanese steamer Mako Maru was leaving port a party of the engineers demanded an increase in wages. The captain refused the demand and the men ceased work.

The captain then signalled for assistance to the look-out at Marseilles, and tugs were sent which brought the vessel to port.

The mutineers were imprisoned at Fort Saint Jean.—Central News.

HER FLOWER NAME.

Sprigs of Rosemary Worn by Bride and Guests at London Wedding.

"BACK OF COSTUME" SPRAYS.

Sprigs of rosemary were worn by the bridesmaids and guests in honour of yesterday's bride, Miss Rosa Mary Bovill, who was married to Sir Leonard Lucas Tooth, major in the H.A.C., at Holy Trinity, Brompton. Pink roses were used in the church decorations.

Sir Leonard, who succeeded to the baronetcy only a few months ago when his brother was killed in action, was accompanied by the Hon. Gerald Brooks, Lord Crawshaw's heir, as his best man.

The six bridesmaids had remembered the all-important fact that a bridal procession is mostly admired from the back, and their pretty Christmassy frocks of white satin tulle and fur had sprays of pink roses fastened to the belts at the back.

Wreaths of rosemary rested on their long tulle veils, and Sir Leonard could hardly have given more acceptable presents than the white fox mufflers carried by each maid.

He was much amused on hearing the thanks of the tiniest tot, who said: "Thank you very much for this pretty muff, but it is really too small to last me very long."

NEWS ITEMS.

£3,000 Bequest to Maid.

Mrs. Dora Duguid, of Kensington Gore, who left estate worth £59,271, bequeathed £3,000 to her maid, Mrs. Liddle.

Disaffected Chinese Executed.

Owing to disaffection there have been wholesale executions and dismissals, says the Exchange, among the Chinese soldiers at Nanking and elsewhere.

Inspector Found Shot.

An inquest will be held on Inspector John Brian, W. Division Metropolitan Police, who was found shot through the head in his house in Seneca-road, Brixton.

Belgian Helpers' Golden Book.

A decree has been issued instituting a Golden Book, says Reuter, to commemorate the works of generosity and charity accomplished for Belgium during the war.

Exploiting Wounded Soldiers.

The Saxon Minister of the Interior has issued a warning against war hyenas behind the front, says the Exchange, who are seeking to exploit wounded soldiers for business and commercial purposes.

Accident to Irish M.P.

While Mr. Peter French, M.P. for South Wexford, was crossing the railway at Ballylouane Station, Co. Wexford, he was knocked down by a wagon and sustained injuries to his feet and ribs.

Swiss Arrest Hun Spies.

Two spies operating on behalf of Germany have been arrested in Berne, says the Central News, and an Austrian, who maintained that he was a journalist, has been arrested at Geneva.

Alteration in Turkish Calendar.

The Turkish Government is to bring in a Bill introducing the Gregorian calendar for the civil year, says Reuter, though the financial year will begin on March 14, and the ecclesiastical year will remain Julian.

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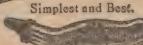
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CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

JEAN MILLARD, an unusually good-looking girl of distinction, but very wilful.

ROBIN O'NEIL, Jean's guardian, aged about thirty-seven. He is the quiet, strong type of man.

GAVIN DAWSON, an easy-going young fellow with a small private income. He is easily led.

THEIR is a dead silence in the breakfast room between Jean Millard and her aunt, Miss Lydia Fortescue. Jean has just heard that her aunt has written to her guardian, Robin O'Neil, and that he is coming over to look after her.

Jean is furious. "It's—it's hateful," she says. "I won't stand it; I'll make him sorry that he ever decided to come over."

Then she suddenly thinks of Gavin Dawson. Her heart gives a queer little jump . . . He has been the one bright spot in her life.

Jean sees him and tells him what has happened. Gavin promises that he is losing her, and asks her to marry him.

Jean explains that in six months' time she will have control of her own money, and that he arranged to make his proposal once. It is also agreed that Gavin shall go up to London and get the special licence, and that Jean shall follow the next day.

Their secret is kept, and Gavin departs.

Jean travels up to London. At Euston there is a third for the long way through a lot of vague figures to the meeting-place under the clock. But there is no Gavin there.

After waiting a long time, she catches at the arm of a tall figure walking by. "Gavin," she calls out. The man turns—it is not Gavin. It is an utter stranger.

The man, seeing how upset she is, offers what assistance he can.

When Jean has time to look at the stranger properly she finds that there is something in his face and manner which gives her confidence. Gradually she tells him all that has happened.

"I must leave you like this," he says. "I must help you. Let me give you my card."

Jean takes it. Then she gives a little stifled cry, for on it is the name of Robin O'Neil.

She is furiously indignant when she hears that Robin knew who she was from the label on her bag. But being quite helpless, she finally agrees to go to the theatre with him. It is the famous Lillian Fisher, where she has originally been going.

In the meantime, Gavin meets an old sweethearts, and finds out that she is the Mrs. Lilian Fisher to whom Jean was supposed to be going. From her he learns that Jean is with Robin O'Neil.

He writes at once to Jean, telling her not to come up as the wedding must be postponed for a little while. Jean is very angry.

Jean and Robin do not get on at all well. When Jean writes a forgiving letter to Gavin Robin intercepts it. She is furious, and in revenge goes to a baccarat party, where she wins £15. Robin O'Neil has been keeping her.

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Gavin has a strained interview with Robin, who refuses to let him be engaged to Jean. Subsequently Gavin is let a lot of money.

Jean writes to Gavin to ask Robin for some more money. He refuses in order to stop her gambling. Jean immediately plays baccarat again, and loses £20 to a youth named Douglas Symons.

She decides to try and win back in order to get the money back, and goes off to play at Mrs. Pansy Rutherford's. But instead of winning she loses a lot more.

O'Neil again refuses to help her, and Jean borrows a few pounds from Gavin. Again she plays. At the end of the evening, Symons, after behaving like a cad, tells her that she now owes him £210.

In desperation, Jean asks Robin for more money. She is told of her taunts, he blurts out that she is really penniless.

Jean is terribly shocked, and her thoughts turn to Gavin to save her.

A SHOPPING EXPEDITION.

THERE was a letter from Miss Lydia the next morning; she wrote gratefully in acknowledgement of the money Jean had sent her. Jean read her letter at breakfast time; she glanced involuntarily at O'Neil when she had finished.

He was looking at her, but she averted her eyes instantly.

For once in her life Lilian was down to breakfast, but Pansy Rutherford and the other women who were staying in the house preferred to stay in the rooms.

"Pansy says she's on a week," Lilian announced when someone asked after her. "She looks fagged, certainly. I called in at her room as I came down. After all, what can one expect! She will turn right into day. She looked at Jean. "Who is the letter from, Country Mouse?"

"Only Aunt Lydia. She wants me to go down one day next week and see her; she isn't very well."

"Are you going?"

Jean's eyes flashed. "Of course I am! I think I shall stay a little while, too; if she's not well she wants looking after."

"I did not know you were such an advocate for duty," said Lilian, rather dryly. "You always said that Osterway bores you to death."

"I know—I am afraid I've said a lot of things I ought not to have said," Jean answered, with a sort of half-laugh.

"There is a note from Gavin Dawson," Lilian went on, carelessly. "He apologises for not coming yesterday, as he was to have done, and says he will be here to lunch . . . I am glad of that. I hate a house-party if there is a man short."

Jean kept her eyes on her plate; at mention of Gavin's name her heart had begun to race; she wanted him to come, and yet she dreading seeing him. She went out for a long walk in the morning with Jumbo. Jumbo was very excited about Christmas; he had hung up his stocking already, he informed Jean eagerly; he only wished it wasn't so long before bedtime.

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Jean Millard.

because Father Christmas never came till it was dark.

"I wonder what he will bring you?" Jean said. She tried to enter into his eagerness, but her heart was heavy.

"Uncle Robin says he thinks I'll have a motor-car that goes—a toy one, of course," he explained condescendingly. "Uncle Robin knows Father Christmas."

"Yes," said Jean. She could not help smiling, in spite of herself. "And what else would you like him to bring?" she asked.

Jummy considered. "I saw a bear in a shop that growls," he said at last.

"Yes," said Jean. "I've seen that, too. Perhaps you have it if she's a good boy." She had decided that she would go out that afternoon and buy it for him before she remembered that if she did it would have to be with O'Neil's money; she could not get used to the thought that everything she had come from him, even a penny stamp with which to write to Miss Lydia.

When they got back home Gavin had arrived. He was talking to Lilian in the drawing-room when Jean entered. It struck her very forcibly that money had altered him already. He was smartly dressed and well groomed; he looked very different to the rather Bohemian type of man with whom she had once walked the lanes and woods at Osterway and dreamed wonderful dreams of a future when she would be his wife.

He greeted her quietly enough, but he pressed her fingers hard for a second before he let them go, and Jean felt her heart sink.

She looked at him a great deal during lunch; she talked to him more than to anyone else. He was fifty times better-looking now; she had made a hero of him down at Osterway, and yet somehow his handsome features left her cold.

She no longer wished he would look at her—no longer wanted to be with him. She asked herself wretchedly what was the reason.

"I am sure we are," said Jean. "I think Mrs. Fisher means to give us a splendid time."

"I wasn't thinking of that," he answered. "I wasn't again," she glanced up at him and quickly away again.

"I was thinking of ourselves," he said softly. "Just you and I, dear."

The tenderness in his voice left her unmoved. She kept her eyes straight ahead of her.

She wondered if it would really happen—this thing she had set herself so deliberately to achieve before they went back home; if she would go back to Lilian's house engaged to this man who walked by her side.

They passed the shop where Jean had seen the bear that growled of which Jummy had spoken. She stopped, and pointed it out to Gavin.

"I'm going to buy that for Jummy."

It did not matter much, after all, if she spent a few more shillings of O'Neil's money; she told herself recklessly. Soon she would be in a position to pay him back all he had ever spent on her . . . when she was married to him between us, shall we?"

Jean nodded; she could not trust herself to speak. The bear was purchased and wrapped up. While they were waiting for the parcel Jean wandered off to look at some china. As she was standing there someone brushed against her in the crowd. She turned—it was Douglas Symons.

He raised his hat frigidly and passed on. Jean felt herself paling. She had the unpleasant conviction once again that she had looked into the face of a strange man and not the good-natured boy whom she had once liked so well.

She was glad when Gavin rejoined her; he carried the black bear in a lumpy parcel under his arm.

"We'll get a taxi when we're too laden," he told her. They went out into the street again.

Dawson stopped at a jeweller's window; he looked down at Jean deprecatingly.

"You are going to let me give you a present, Jean?" She forced her lips to smile.

"You may if you like—I love presents."

"How nice," said Jumbo, "Diamonds?" he asked jerkily.

"Yes . . . if you like . . ."

She heard him draw a quick breath.

"You know what I mean, Jean . . . that you and I . . ."

"Yes . . . yes . . ."

She felt a little giddy and faint, and yet deep down in her heart there was a sort of relief that it was over at last as she followed him into the jeweller's shop. She stood by silently while he asked to see some diamond rings; she knew that the shop assistant shot a swift, interested look at her, but for the moment she was incapable of realising anything beyond the fact that, after all, nothing had happened to prevent it, and that she was really and truly engaged to Gavin Dawson.

"I was about to insist on the same arrangement myself," O'Neil told her.

THE DIAMOND RING.

JEAN looked away; at that moment she hated them both; she thought it was abominable of a married woman to flirt so deliberately with a man like Robin O'Neil.

She was glad to find Gavin beside her. "And what are you doing this afternoon?" he asked.

"I'm going to buy a toy car," he said. "I'm not much more than enough to satisfy the wants of a little girl like you," he said softly.

"I want a great many things," she told him with an effort.

He caught her hand for a second.

"You shall have them all," he promised.

He was feeling more happy than he had done for a long time; he waited patiently in the library while Jean dressed. He wondered if it was too soon yet to suggest that he bought her a ring. Diamonds would look beautiful on her slim hand—a diamond half-hoop that would bind her to him.

"I am quite ready," she said at the door.

He turned eagerly.

"So am I!" He wanted to say something more, but she walked out of the room and into the hall.

He called to them from the drawing-room.

"Where are you two going?"

"Shopping," said Gavin gaily. He felt as light-hearted as a schoolboy home for holidays. Jean paused a moment.

"We're copying you, and going out to buy Christmas presents at the eleventh hour," she said with a flippancy she was far from feeling.

The frost had melted a little. There were signs of rain in the sky; a damp feeling in the air.

"I hope we're not going to have a wet Christmas," Gavin said. "Jean, do you know that we're going to enjoy ourselves immensely?"

"I am sure we are," said Jean. "I think Mrs. Fisher means to give us a splendid time."

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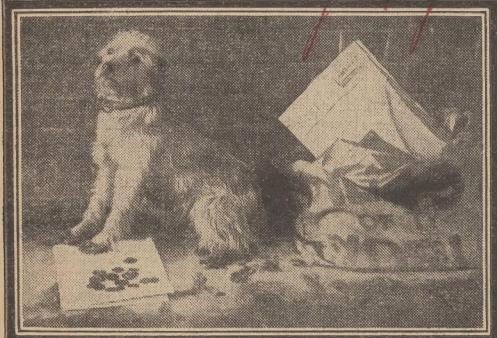
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MISS BEDELLS'S PART.



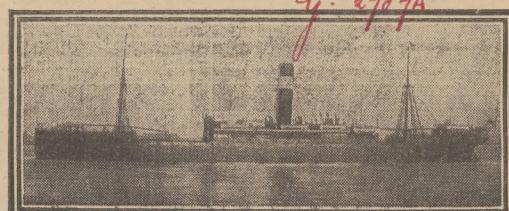
Litt'e June, who has just taken Miss Phyllis Bedells's part in the ballet "Pastorale" at the Empire.—(Claude Harris.)

LONDON HOME WRECKED BY GALE.



Interior view of the house in George-street, Hanover-square, which was completely wrecked by the gale. The floor at the top collapsed, carrying everything with it.

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A hockey match which was played at a rink at Denmark Hill at an entertainment given to soldiers. The teams were on roller skates.

FRENCH RETIRING ON SALONIKA.

G. 11921A.



Rearguard of a French regiment, with cattle and sheep, retiring on Salonika. The withdrawal of a large force of our Allies from Kavadar was a very clever military movement, as it was carried out with complete success over mountain tracks without the assistance of railways.—(French War Office photograph.)

WRECKED BY THE GALE.

G. 1339E.



Interior view of the house in George-street, Hanover-square. The floor at the top collapsed, carrying everything with it.

WOUNDED FORM GUARD OF HONOUR.

P. 18432.



Lieutenant D. Stanton (King's Liverpool Regiment), who has risen from the ranks, and his bride (Miss Ethel Pride), leaving the church at Norbury yesterday.

PORTRAITS OF MEN IN THE NEWS.

P. 18432. P. 18432.



Captain the Hon. Malik Uman Hyat Khan, M.V.O., who has been mentioned in dispatches.



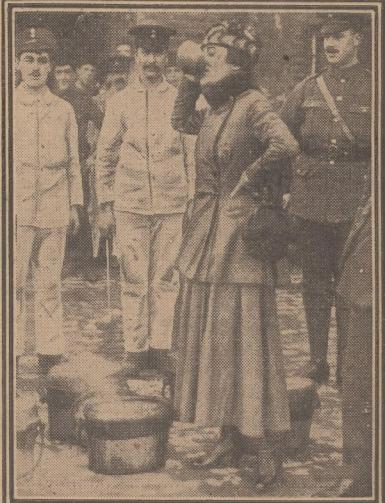
W. L. Murphy, the Irish comedian, who has died in New York. He is reported to have left £600,000.



The Maharajah of Kapurthala, whose jewellery, valued at nearly £100,000, went down with the Persia.

DELYSIA SAMPLES SOUP.

P. 12435.



Mlle. Delysia tastes the soup of the "Shiny Seventh." She visited the regiment's camp with other actresses to entertain the men.

A PRESENT FROM AUSTRIA.

G. 11918C.



Italian officers with a 42cm. Austrian shell which failed to explode. It contained nitro-glycerine.